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CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0086 CROSS REFERENCE #: Case number

TITLE: Pruitt, E. Scott, Administrator, OA

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): N/A

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY RECORDS REVIEW

NARRATIVE:

On July 6, 2018, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), completed a review the Fiscal Year 2017 Hypothetical Small Area Fair Market Rents (Attachment), which was published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on their website at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2017_code/2017summary_sa.odn. For the subject property, located a of C Street NE, Washington, DC 20002, the query revealed the following, in substance:

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA Hypothetical Small Area FMRs By Unit Bedrooms*

Zip Code	Efficiency	One-	Two-	Three-	Four-	Zip/CBS A
		Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Ratio
20002	\$1,110	\$1,160	\$1,340	\$1,750	\$2,190	0.831

*Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are used to determine payment standard amounts for the Housing Choice Voucher program, to determine initial renewal rents for some expiring project-based Section 8 contracts, to determine initial rents for housing assistance payment (HAP) contracts in the Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program (Mod Rehab(, rent ceilings for rental units in both the HOME Investment Partnerships program and the Emergency Solution Grants program, calculation of maximum award amounts for Continuum of Care recipients and

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the maximum amount of rent a recipient may pay for property leased with Continuum of Care funds, and calculation of flat rents in Public Housing units. (www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr)

ATTACHMENT(S):

FY2017 HYPOTHETICAL SMALL AREA FMRS FOR WASHINGTON-ARLINGTON-ALEXANDRIA, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA



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MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY DOCUMENT REVIEW

NARRATIVE:

On June 19, 2018, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) (b) (6), (b) (7) (C), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received an email (Attachment 1) from Matt Leopold, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, EPA, that contained an attached document titled "Emails Related to Ethics Opinion" (Attachment 2). ASAC reviewed the attached document, which was an email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(c), Reporter, CNN, dated April 25, 2018, requesting a comment for an upcoming Congressional hearing involving Administrator Scott Pruitt.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Email from Matt Leopold, dated 2018.06.19



2. Emails Related to Ethics Opinion from Matt Leopold



Emails Related to Ethics Opinion from

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MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY DOCUMENT REVIEW

NARRATIVE:

On September 4, 2018, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) (b) (6), (b) (7) (C)

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received an email (Attachment 1) from (b) (6), (b) (7) (C)

(Attachment 2) that he wrote to Arthur Elkins, Inspector General, OIG, EPA. ASAC reviewed the letter, which revealed that personal information of clients, interviews or requested information that they provided.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) dated 2018.09.04 re Names in Reports



2. Letter from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), dated 2018.09.04 re Names in Reports



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AGENT(S):(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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TITLE: PRUITT, E. SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR, OA

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): N/A

PREPARED BY: SPECIAL AGENT(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY EVIDENCE

NARRATIVE:

On March 4, 2019, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA), retrieved the following items from the OI, OIG, Washington Field Office (WFO) evidence storage room located at the EPA William J. Clinton Building – (b) (7)(E)

- 1. 1 Verbatim Compact Disc Recording of Interview Marked "Burned May 15, 2018"
- 2. 1 Verbatim Compact Disc Recording of Interview Marked "Burned May 21, 2018"

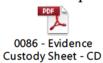
The items will be retained with the case file. Corresponding evidence custody sheets are attached in the following section of this document [Attachment 1 & 2].

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1. 1 Verbatim Compact Disc – Recording of Interview Marked "Burned May 15, 2018"



2. 1 Verbatim Compact Disc - Recording of Interview Marked "Burned May 21, 2018"



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SA (6) (6)



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CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
E. SCOTT PRUITT	WASHINGTON, D.C.	N/A

ALLEGATIONS:

On April 9, 2018, Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (AIGI) Patrick Sullivan (Sullivan), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA.

At the direction of AIGI Sullivan, an administrative case was opened to investigate the following allegation: (1) Did Administrator Pruitt's rental agreement with (5) (6) (7)(C) constitute a gift.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

Administrator Pruitt resigned from the EPA prior to the conclusion of the investigation. The allegation is inconclusive.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Mr. Emory A. Rounds III Director U.S. Office of Government Ethics 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Rounds:

By letter dated June 15, 2018, David J. Apol, then acting Director and General Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE), requested that my office investigate certain reports in the press of allegations of ethical misconduct by Scott Pruitt, who was at the time the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Apol also referred me to his letter of April 6, 2018, to Kevin Minoli, the EPA's Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, in which Mr. Apol had raised concerns of other possible violations of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (Standards of Conduct) by Mr. Pruitt while in office. Mr. Apol requested that we complete a review of the matters (both the previous ones he had raised in his April 6 letter and the new allegations) "so that [OGE] can decide whether to begin a formal corrective action proceeding in order to make a formal recommendation to the President."

Mr. Pruitt resigned his position as the EPA Administrator on July 5, 2018. Since then, our respective staffs have discussed what appropriate actions should be taken regarding the allegations your office referred to us concerning Mr. Pruitt's compliance with the Standards of Conduct. As you know, administrative penalties for violations of the Standards of Conduct can result in disciplinary action up to and including removal. However, as Mr. Pruitt's resignation precludes his being subject to any such potential administrative penalties with regard to these allegations, we understand that the OGE is no longer requesting that we review Mr. Pruitt's alleged actions for potential administrative violations of the Standards of Conduct. As such, the OIG does not intend to pursue the requests in your April 6 and June 15 letters to the extent that they would constitute administrative violations of the Standards of Conduct.

I would appreciate it if you would please confirm your agreement with our intended approach. If you have any questions about this, please contact Alan Larsen, Counsel to the Inspector General, at (202) 566-2391.

Sincerely.

Arthur A. Elkins Jr.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b)

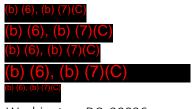
 Subject:
 RE: Subpoena of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

 Date:
 Tuesday, September 04, 2018 4:28:46 PM

Attachments: (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) .EPA.090418.pdf



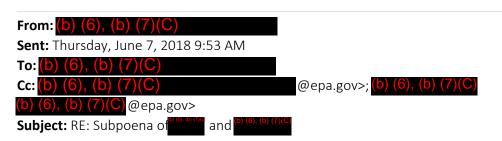
Please see the attached letter and confirm receipt. Any other updates to report? Thanks.



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The investigators asked that I follow up on getting a copy of the floorplan, mentioned below. Please advise.

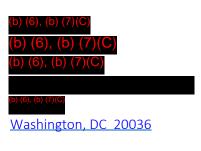
Thank you,



From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:50 PM **To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) **Subject:** RE: Subpoena of one of and one of an one of an

Please see the Statements of Compliance attached.



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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– Thank you and the for their cooperation in responding to the subpoena. I have forwarded the materials and your note below to the investigators.



From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 11:41 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Subpoena of @10,0077 and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

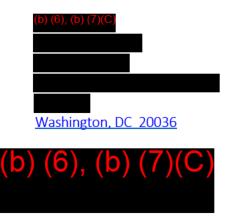
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Please find attached documents responsive to the subpoena dated May 4, 2018 on behalf of both (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The executed Statements of Compliance are forthcoming. While the

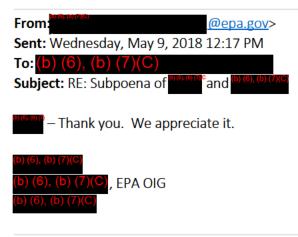
produce these documents in a good faith effort to produce all documents responsive to the EPA's subpoena, they nevertheless reserve the right to supplement the production with any documents that should come to their attention subsequent to today. In addition, believes may have communicated to Ryan Jackson about matters within the scope of your inquiry to Mr. Jackson at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) from prior email address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) but no longer has access to that email address due separation from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

During (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) interview with the OIG, the OIG requested a floorplan of C Street but does not presently have one in custody. has, however, made a request for one to be provided and should it be obtained I will forward it along for your review.

Please don't hesitate to ask should you have any questions. Thanks.



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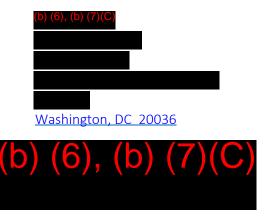
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To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @epa.gov>

Subject: Subpoena of and and and subject:



I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know I am representing and and and an on the matter before your office, and do not anticipate any issue with responding to subpoena by the return date. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.



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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: Request - Review of Facts and, if Appropriate, a Declination (OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0086)

Date: Friday, August 17, 2018 4:48:41 PM

Hi^{(b) (6), (b) (7)(0}

We concur with your recommendation and are declining to prosecute at this time.

Thanks, Sonali

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 2:38 PM

To: Patel, Sonali (USADC) <SPATEL2@usa.doj.gov>

Subject: Request - Review of Facts and, if Appropriate, a Declination (OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0086)

Good afternoon Sonali,

The following is in reference to case number (OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0086). I have been advised that the case below must be reviewed by an AUSA before closing due to direction from our Inspector General and well as guidance included in our Standard Operating Procedures for case closures. The OIG opened the below case as purely administrative, but prior to closing, want to consult with you to confirm there is no applicable criminal violation that the DOJ is interested in pursuing at this time based on the facts below. As such, I'm sending this email to you. If you are not the appropriate AUSA to review, I apologize in advance; and, if you let me know who I could send it to, I will forward it accordingly.

Request: AUSA review for declination, if appropriate.

Issue(s)/Allegation(s): Did Administrator Pruitt's rental agreement with constitute a gift?

Facts: The Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, from the United States Office of Government Ethics. The memorandum brought forth allegations pertaining to matters affecting the EPA's Office of the Administrator, to which OI opened an administrative case to investigate ethical violations by Administrator Pruitt.

OI interviewed witnesses and reviewed records, which revealed the following, in sum:

Administrator Pruitt leased a condo located at C Street NE, Washington, DC. Per the terms of the lease, Administrator Pruitt rented the condo from C Street LLC (owned by 50.60.60.7000) for \$50.00 per day from February 20, 2017 to April 1, 2017. The lease limited Administrator Pruitt to the use of one bedroom of the unit. Other than verbally extending the terms of the lease, there were no changes to the lease.

Administrator Pruitt did not leave until August 4, 2017, despite (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attempts to have him

leave. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stayed in the condo unit use of a 2nd bedroom was not corroborated, but a witness stated that stayed at the condo overnight multiple times). It was also revealed that Administrator Pruitt had unfettered access to the condo. Administrator Pruitt was allowed to and kept his personal belongings in the bedroom while he was not at the unit and could come and go as he pleased.

Administrator Pruitt paid \$6,100 total for his use of the condo, which equated to 122 days that he paid for the unit. The total number of days between February 20, 2017 and August 4, 2017 was 165 days. This discrepancy amounted to 43 days of which he had unfettered access to the condo unit for which he did not pay; and at \$50 per day, the discrepancy amounted to \$2,150.

Administrator Pruitt resigned from the EPA on July 5, 2018 while the investigation was ongoing; and at that time OI was investigating whether the rate of '\$50 per day' was "Market Value" as required in 5 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2635, Subpart B, Sections 201 – 206. OI was also investigating "Impartiality" within the same Regulations.

Since Administrator Pruitt is no longer a Federal employee, it was unlikely that OI could interview him to obtain his statements pertaining to this matter. As such, OI could not complete the investigation as needed to be thorough; and thereby, find the allegation to be inconclusive.

Respectfully,



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

September 20, 2018

Via email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Washington, DC 20036

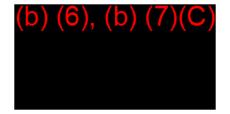
Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Inspector General Elkins referred your letter dated September 7, 2018 to me for a response. As you note, your clients, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were interviewed by Office of Inspector General (OIG) agents regarding a matter involving the former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Scott Pruitt. Your letter requests the redaction of the names and personal information of the

I can neither comment about whether the OIG may prepare a report in this case nor agree to provide notice to your clients. As to your clients' concerns about their privacy interests, if the OIG were to receive a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for records relating to the subject matter, the OIG would follow and apply applicable FOIA exemptions to protect the personal privacy of your clients.

We appreciate cooperation with our office. Should you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) (b) (c) (c)

Sincerely,





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PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Special Agent

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY CONSULTATION

NARRATIVE:

On August 14, 2018, at the direction of Arthur Elkins, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). ((b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Office of Professional Responsibility, Office of Investigations, OIG, EPA, presented the facts of this investigation to Sonali Patel (Patel), Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, for consultation [Attachment 1].

The purpose of the consultation was to ensure that the United States Department of Justice identified no applicable criminal charges nor did they have any prosecutorial interest.

On August 17, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received an email from AUSA Patel informing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that his office has no prosecutorial interest in this investigation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. USAO Consultation & Declination Pruitt, E. Scott, Administrator, OA



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February 27, 2018

AGENT(S):